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'The Grinch' steals show at skating carnival



ALL-STAR CAST of the Elk Point Skating Club, from first-year skaters to Starskaters to instructor Dennell Anderson, had a role in reforming 'The Grinch'.

VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

He's a mean one, Mr. Grinch, and his intentions were bad, so when Elk Point Skating Club intervened, the whole crowd was glad!

The club's first Christmas-themed carnival brought enthusiastic response from the audience, as skaters performed to a series of songs from the Dr. Seuss classic, with Brian Poitras narrating the tale of the Christmas-

hating green meanie, whose heart was definitely three sizes too small.

Senior skaters Keanna and Kaylee Radcliffe and Raif Evans-Anderson led the juniors and Canskaters onto the ice for the first number, 'Who Loves Christmas?' and it was easy to see that every Who did just that.

Juniors Julia Farrell and Montana Sharkey acted out 'Max's Story,' from the viewpoint of the Grinch's lopedog, before Hailey Danyluk, as Cindy Lou Who, tried to find the meaning of Christmas in 'Christmas,

Why Can't I Find You?'

One Christmas necessity is a tree, and beginning skaters Paynton Skarsen, Blake Fontaine, Mark Kuba, Ella May and Kenzie Leatham showed off their growing skills in 'Trim the Tree' before the Junior Starskaters, Brooklyn deVries, Kennady Pierce, Hailey Danyluk, Bella Pinette, Julia Farrell and Montana Sharkey portrayed their night before Christmas dreams in 'Whatchamawho'.

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Looking back at the front page headlines of 2019

VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

The sun has set on not only another year, but another decade, and as we move on into what some have called 'the Roaring Twenties,' here's a look back at the headline news of 2019.

January

As 2019 began, the first thing on most provincial politicians' minds was the possibility of a spring election, and although the date was still unknown, Lac La Biche - St. Paul-Two Hills MLA David Hanson said he was "hoping for an early call. We're ready." Elk Point was named one of three communities that would be part of the second annual Winterland Invitational, a series of minor hockey tournaments held in support of Ronald McDonald House in Edmonton.

Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce started off 2019 with

a review of last year's activities by president Terri Hampson at last week's meeting that celebrated several firsts for the organization, including the First Annual Spring Fling, the publishing of a Chamber Membership Directory and the implementation of making monthly payments on the outstanding loan on the EcoCentre. The biggest accomplishment for the County of St. Paul in 2018 was turning on the water for the community of Mallaig with the new pressurized waterline completed in November, according to Reeve Steve Upham, who spoke about the triumphs and the challenges of the year.

It had been a long wait, full of delays and drawbacks, but construction of Elk Point's beautiful new RCMP Detachment was finally complete and the move from the former 50th Ave. location to the new facility on Railway Ave. was made. St. Paul Education Regional Division (SPERD) Superintendent Glen

Brodziak offered an update and contingency plans on the situation with division teachers, who authorized a strike vote in December 2018, and said the office and trustee, have been getting calls from school staff, parents, and high school students, regarding the issues that could come into play.

Curtis Porcina presented the Shamrock Valley Enterprises trophy to Jon Regnier, Ryan Hahn, Brant Evans and Dean Rogal of the Elk Point Oilmen's Association team after their 36th Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel Grand Challenge win over Techmation curlers Lorne Koss, Brad Koss, Ryan MacDonald and Conrad Pierce. The four elements of a great evening - good food, good music, good entertainment and good friends - came together at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre to celebrate Malanka 2019 with the Elk Point Metelytsia Ukrainian Dance Club.

February

Newly elected Fire Chief Peter Hewitt and new Deputy Fire Chief Kent Bernard, who were voted into those positions at the Fire Department's Jan. 14 Annual General Meeting, came to the Jan 28 meeting of Elk Point town council with a list of seven strategic priorities which they feel will "create the right environment" for the department. Elk Point 4-H Beef Club members made their way through snow-clogged roads to compete in their annual Communications event, five members presenting speeches and six with demonstrations that showed skills and expertise that wowed the judges, with Kailey Wirsta, who was named the top senior speaker, intermediate speaker Darianna Boorse and junior speaker Jove Boorse moving on to District competition, along with demonstrators Luke Germain and Shaylyn Klatt.

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Elk Point 4-H Beef Club
had a great time sledding and skating at the Kotowich farm, followed by
a potluck supper and gift exchange.

Mona Bristow photos



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WHOVILLE MELODY
by Bella Pinette and
Kennady Pierce.

PREPOWER skaters on a lonely Christmas eve.



ENERGETIC JUNIOR STARS make their moves in the Watchanawho, above.

TREE TRIMMERS - the youngest skaters help to Trim the Tree.

A REFORMED GRINCH tries on a little love for size, after learning that Christmas comes from within.

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Grinch

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Keanna Radcliffe was home from university for the Christmas holidays and performed the day's second solo, 'Green Christmas'.

The Prepower crew, which includes Landon St. Arnault and Jase Malo, showed how the unappreciated Grinch might feel in 'Lonely Christmas Eve', a distinct contrast to the fun in the 'Who-Ville Melody' skated by Bella Pinette and Kennady Pierce to wind up the first half of the show.

Warmed up with hot chocolate and with their latest bids on the silent auction sheets, the audience came back just in time to see the senior and junior skaters finish off their Christmas Shopping in 'It's The Thought That Counts,' while up on his mountain, the Grinch, portrayed by Kaylee Radcliffe, is thinking up ways to steal Christmas, including sliding down the Whos' chimneys as she skated to "You're A Mean One, Mr. Grinch."

The Grinch didn't count on being questioned by Cindy Lou about why he was taking her tree home to fix the lights, but got away not only with that, as Raif Evans-Anderson and Bella Pinette skated to 'Santa For

A Day' but also with loading up his sled with all the presents, wrappings, trimmings and trappings, with a bunch of help to the sounds of 'Stealing Christmas'.

Fortunately, it wasn't stolen for too long, just long enough for Power Skaters Bo Fontaine, Raif Evans-Anderson, Lennox St. Arnault and Denys Kuba to show off their skills and for Kaylee Radcliffe and instructor Dennell Anderson to skate a graceful duet to 'Christmas, Where Are You?'

With all the gifts and wrappings, trimmings and trappings back in place, Brooklyn deVries and assistant CanSkate coach Janyka Evans-Anderson performed 'Christmas of Love, before the Grinch and his newfound Who friends returned to the ice for a happy finale.

"A carnival like this takes a lot of work," Dennell Anderson told the crowd, asking for applause for the volunteers. "It take a lot to be a coach, too, but with a great bunch of parents behind you, it's a lot better." She also had sincere praise for Poitras and his excellent job as the narrator who brought the story to life.

Draws were made for the gift card raffle, with Jake Jaremko winning the top \$500 prize, Lane Skarsen the \$250 second prize and Rock Sharkey the \$125 third prize.



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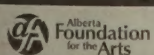
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EDITORIAL

Prediction time once again

We win some, we lose some, and some just stay the same for much longer than we'd all like them to.

Last year, we predicted that a lot would depend on politics at both provincial and federal levels and on what both governments do to get Alberta oil to market. Politics are always a factor in these decisions and we still have a whole lineup of standoffs in this one, even with a new provincial government in place. Let's all hope they keep inching forward to a successful outcome in the coming months, because it's hard to keep up production when you can't get it to market.

We said it would be a year when new partnerships were made to do everything from hosting events to major projects. A few partnerships have been forged, others made stronger, and more being explored for this year, a trend we hope will continue.

We said 2019 would be a year when both adult and youth theatre groups would play to packed houses. That was almost a given, and they definitely did draw in a tremendous crowd. That is almost sure to continue for the Elk Point Theatre Project, as the youth group presents 'Into the Woods' this spring, and for Elk Point Allied Arts, who we're told have already been asked for tickets for the 2020 Christmas dinner theatre. The Elk Point Community Choir's dinner theatre is taking a break from the annual spring productions, and we're hoping that it's only a one-year break. It will definitely leave a big hole in the spring activity calendar.

We also said local campgrounds and attractions might draw a whole new crowd to see what was available close to home, and while that did happen, it could have been even better if we'd had more cooperation from the weather. Maybe this year? Here's hoping!

As for new predictions...

We've seen a few new businesses open their doors in Elk Point over the past year, most in previously vacant buildings. We predict, with fingers crossed, that this is a trend that will continue, and that all these new businesses already established will be successful in helping to keep Elk Point's economy alive.

We predict that Canada Day 2020 attendance will see a substantial increase from 2019's, with new attractions, great entertainment and (fingers crossed again) much better weather than last year.

We predict that the economy will make slow but steady progress during the year, as all levels of government rethink their priorities and do what's best for the people who voted them into office.

And finally, while we're not ALL predicting that the Leafs will win the Stanley Cup, we're predicting that at least one more Canadian team will do us proud on the international sports scene.

RECREATION CORNER

New Year, new you

CRISTIN TCHIR
Recreation Coordinator

Some of you may know me as just the Recreation Coordinator, but before I landed this job, I've been Personal Training for over six years. I could not talk about New Year's resolutions without bringing up fitness, when I googled the most popular New Year's resolution, to no surprise, lose weight and get fit tops the list, not far down from that was eat healthier and diet, which in my opinion goes hand and hand. To help you kick start your fitness goals of 2020; I wanted to give you some local, inexpensive options.

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WAY BACK WHEN...

Colourful welcome, community services, instant rancher

HAPPY NEW YEAR! AS WE START 2020, LET'S LOOK BACK AT THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF JAN. 7 IN...

1985

Santa and his reindeer and Mr. and Mrs. Snowman gathered on the Mikita family's lawn on Ravine Drive to provide a colourful welcome to visitors, including the Chamber of Commerce judges, who gave it first place in the residential lighting and decorating competition. A bouncing baby boy was delivered to Patricia Cuthand of Sputnikow on Jan. 2, becoming Elk Point's New Year's baby.

1990

Town council wound up the 1980s with a lengthy meeting that included preparing to start the new decade in an efficient and progressive manner, including startup for the new Community Services Department and declaring the town office, Community Services building and playschool as smoke-free areas. Elk Point Wolverines, coached by Gordon McCuaig and Allan Frankiw, won the eight-team Norcen Cup Peeewe Hockey Tournament, defeating St. Paul in the final.

1995

Quin Daricuk of Pierceland, Sask. became an instant rancher when his ticket was drawn in the Elk Point Agricultural Society's Instant Rancher Raffle, winning \$14,400 on the ticket he received as a Christmas gift. A new nine-page bylaw put the bite on Elk Point dog owners with two additional pages listing fines of up to \$1,000 for violations, third reading approved only after the deletion of one clause that would have made property owners responsible for dogs living on that property, even if owned by a renter.

2000

Elk Point welcomed the Year 2000 with horse drawn wagon rides, the antics of Popcorn the Clown, entertainment by Marge Heffernan, Dolly and Jos Hughes and their dancing dog Ike, and a huge and colourful fireworks display. County of St. Paul Reeve Robert Bouchard was predicting smoother progress in council, following 1999's reorganization that "placed us in a position where we thought the ratepayers wanted us to be," which included the termination of

the enhanced policing "County Mountie" position, and the elimination of the practice of burying oil waste in roadbed construction or ecology pits.

2005

"It is in my culture to look after seniors," Mayor Parrish Tung told town council at the final meeting of 2004, as he pledged to make the town more senior-friendly, suggesting compiling a list of seniors living in their own homes as a registry of their needs, and finding volunteers who would be willing to "adopt a senior, even if thy just phone and ask how they're doing." Elk Point Ukrainian Dance Club was putting the final touches on plans for their fifth annual Malanka celebration, which is both a New Year's celebration and a fundraiser for the club.

2010

Thirty-five sets of antlers were part of this year's Big Bucks Competition on New Year's Eve, with Jim Bodnar the mule deer winner, Ty Johre the youth whitetail winner and Brant Evans the adult whitetail winner. The sea can issue that had been underway since midsummer was back before town council, which turned down a request to locate one of the containers at the Elk Point Baptist Church for use as a storage building.

2015

While industrial construction had slowed during 2014, new residences were still becoming part of the skyline and the lengthy modernization and enlargement of the Elk Point branch of St. Paul and District Co-op was almost complete and Mayor Parrish Tung's goal of a 24/7 water supply had been achieved. The setting sun broke through heavy cloud cover on Dec. 31 painting the clouds over Elk Point vivid pink and gold, predicting better things to come... just in time for the new year.

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BRINGING HOME THE BRONZE - Elk Point 4-H Beef Club brought home the bronze medals from the North East District volleyball tournament recently held in Vermilion, with everyone enjoying the day of competition and camaraderie with members of other clubs across the region.

Mona Bristow photos



New Year, new library programs

ELK POINT MUNICIPAL LIBRARY
Review Contributor

Elk Point Municipal Library is excited to report that two new programs will be starting up this month, as we start a new year and a new decade.

After a long absence, Storytime is coming back! Parent and Tot Storytime will be held every Tuesday morning at 11 a.m., starting on January 23, and comes complete with stories, snacks and crafts. There is no charge, but children must be supervised. Call the library to register at 780-724-3737.

The library's first-ever School PD Day Event is coming up on Friday, Jan. 31, from 1:00 to 3:30 p.m. and is designed to provide a variety of activities for students who get the day off

from school while teachers enhance their skills at PD sessions. Watch for further details about the Jan. 31 session, coming soon to our webpage, www.elk-pointlibrary.ab.ca

The library is now open after an extended Christmas and New Year's break and so are our regular activities.

Needlecraft - for crafters who enjoy knitting, crochet or embroidery, is back in session today at 2 p.m., so come on down and enjoy some good conversation while you start your 2020 projects.

This month's Library Tea has been moved back a week, to make sure everyone is back from their festive season travels, and will be held Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 2 p.m., a great opportunity to welcome the new year with friends old and new.

We proudly introduce the Beautiful Babies of 2019



ROWYN MAY LOUGHRAN

Date of Birth: Aug. 16, 2019
Weight: 7 lbs. - 10z.
Height: 19"

Daughter of Dylan & Jenna Loughran



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Date of Birth: May 17, 2019
Weight: 8 lbs. 1 oz.
Height: 20.5"

Son of Kevin & Maureen (Myshaniuk) Moneta



ARCHIE RYAN ISERT

Date of Birth: November 2, 2019
Weight: 6 lbs-13 ozs
Height: 19.7"

Son of Brandon & Kristy (Myshaniuk) Isert



JAMES KENNETH REED

Date of Birth: Mar. 29, 2019
Weight: 6 lbs. - 13 ozs.
Height: 19.3"

Son of Matthew and Leanne (Wilson) Reed



EMILY LAURA HOFFMAN

Date of Birth: Nov. 28, 2019
Weight: 9 lbs.-3 ozs.
Height: 20.5"

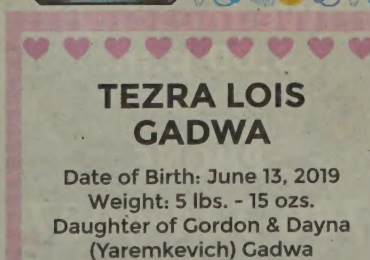
Daughter of Colton & Darby Hoffman



KIMONA MARIE GADWA

Date of Birth: Aug. 23, 2019
Weight: 6 lbs. - 7 ozs.
Height: 19"

Daughter of Tyson Gadwa & Kaira Gauthro



TEZRA LOIS GADWA

Date of Birth: June 13, 2019
Weight: 5 lbs. - 15 ozs.
Daughter of Gordon & Dayna (Yaremkevich) Gadwa



TORYN LINA GADWA

Date of Birth: June 13, 2019
Weight: 5 lbs. - 3 ozs.
Daughter of Gordon & Dayna (Yaremkevich) Gadwa



SADIE LYNN McASKILE

Date of Birth: June 9, 2019
Weight: 7 lbs-7 oz
Height: 19.5"

Daughter of Kylan McAskile & Mandy Blacklock



CHRISTMAS OF LOVE - a duet by Brooklyn deVries and Janyka Evans-Anderson.



CHRISTMAS, WHERE ARE YOU? - asked Kaylee Radcliffe and instructor Dennell Anderson.



TO THE MAX - Julia Farrell and Montana Sharkey tell the story of the Grinch's dog Max.

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Fitness goals

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Starting this Wednesday, January 8th from 6:30-7:30 at the United building (old United Church) I teach a HIIT class, for those of you that aren't familiar with that, it stands for High Intensity Interval Training, don't let the name scare you, this class is for all fitness levels, I encourage breaks to be taken as needed and working at your fitness level and your pace, striving for progress not perfection.

Next, Kelly Krawchuk is planning to teach a Yoga class on Thursday evenings also at the United building. She plans to start January 16th. I am a huge fan of Yoga; I practice twice a week. The physical benefits of yoga are increased flexibility, muscle tone, improved respiration, energy and vitality to name a few.

Next, on January 19th the Elk Point Hiking Club is planning a hike around Ross Lake. Did you know that exercising in the winter raises your metabolic rate significantly, about 40 per cent, you get way more bang for your buck just by hiking in the winter, we all know that trudging through the snow is more difficult but that colder weather is beneficial for weight loss too, woohoo!

You can also join the Elk Point Pole Walking group, you do not need the poles to join the group and walk with them but you may want to get some after you read the benefits; walking with poles tones the upper body as well, burns more calories, reduces pressure on knees and joints, just to name a few.

Well, there you have it, a little progress each day adds up to big results. Happy New Year!

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All four members of the Elk Point Chamber of Commerce executive - president Terri Hampson, vice president Bob Ellacott, treasurer Christine Fenton and secretary Vicki Brooker - were returned to office by acclamation at the 2019 Annual General Meeting, which also featured a long overdue review of the chamber's bylaws. Elk Point Elementary School students who made it to school despite school bus cancellations took part in the annual Winter Walk Day, although they didn't venture outdoors to celebrate our Alberta winter, due to the extreme cold, instead getting in their 15 minutes of brisk exercise by circling the gymnasium and the school's halls at noon hour.

A massive home southwest of Elk Point went up in flames Feb. 12, leaving Abe and Anna Neufeld and their family homeless. Elk Point RCMP Cpl. Bobby Burgess visited Elk Point Town Council's Feb. 11 meeting with an update on the new detachment building and crime statistics in the area, saying the new detachment is "still a work in progress," and predicting that "by April everything will be functional," with the grand opening "sometime in the spring." F. G. Miller High School's senior mixed curling team of Zane Cribbins, Georgia Bendixen, Madison Krider and Kaiden Evans-Anderson, defeated Paradise Valley by a 7-4 margin to win the bronze medals at Zone competition in St. Paul. A historic landfill in the Elk Point area would require new dirt to be placed above it, according to a letter from Alberta Parks and Environment received by the County of St. Paul and although the landfill was located in the County, the Town of Elk Point operated this landfill until it closed in 1990 and under Alberta's Environmental Protection and Enhancement Act, "the previous operator of a historic landfill remains responsible for the waste surfacing and subsistence issues identified on site including maintaining the cap."

March

Minus 40 degree wind chill didn't keep dedicated snowmobile enthusiasts from hitting the trail to Kehewin as part of the Elk Point Trail Riders Vintage Snowmobile Show and Shine, with close to half of the 22 machines on show ignoring the cold to make the run. Town council heard a comprehensive explanation of Elk Point Municipal Library's investment in the Northern Lights Library System, between the municipality and the library board, a levy of \$14,723.28 was paid to NLLS in 2018, and brought the library a total of \$36,145.18 in services for the library.

Eighteen young scientists from Grades 3 to 6 displayed a total of 11 well-researched projects at Elk Point Elementary School's annual Science Fair, with four of the projects, created by Remington Reynolds, Brooklyn Newby and Chloe Campbell, Kayl Warawa and Rian Skarsen and Robyn Urquhart and Cassie O'Reilly receiving Awards of Excellence. Greater

Lakeland Rural Crime Watch members welcomed the RCMP K Division crime reduction coordinator Jennifer Kee to their 2019 annual general meeting in St. Paul, and received a comprehensive update on K Division's mission and strategy regarding crime reduction.

The top eight Atom 'D' teams from across Alberta came to Elk Point's A. G. Ross Arena to determine the 2019 Provincial Champions, and after three days of round robin play, both Viking and Magrath came out of the semi finals with 8-2 wins over Bentley and Spirit River to move on the Sunday afternoon's final, where Magrath won with a 9-3 margin. After researching the unsightly premises bylaws of 12 other municipalities, Town of Elk Point administration delivered a draft of a revised and expanded Unsightly Premises Bylaw to town council to replace a bylaw dating back to 2011.

Albertans would head to the polls April 16. Premier Rachel Notley announcing the spring election date which would put Elk Point, along with the town of St. Paul Saddle Lake, Kehewin, Frog Lake, and Fishing Lake fall into the new electoral division following the redrawing of boundary lines creating a Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul constituency for the first time. The cast of 'Tons of Money' took their final bows, after another successful run of four dinner theatre performances for Elk Point Community Choir and Friends, a newer, somewhat revised version of the group's 2007 hit, this time starred Shaun Sheplaw and Velma Hudson.

April

The March 25 meeting of Elk Point town council was the first ever to be videotaped, the trial run with a camera that could tape meetings that could then be either live streamed or put on the town's website for public viewing, fitting in with the town's public engagement policy, but coming with a \$1,200 unbudgeted expense, if the town decided to purchase the camera used at the meeting. "What is Economic Development?" was the question asked of the Town of Elk Point's new Economic Development Committee at their March meeting, with the answers ranging from diversity, growth and assets to committee chair Dwayne Vogel's definition: "It's tools in a tool box, and we need to know how to use them."

Elk Point and District Chamber of Commerce has a mandate, and members at the April 3 meeting agreed that they need to understand it in able to fulfill it, the first goal "To be the voice of business, to harness energy, champion ideas and collectively move forward with sensible solutions for all businesses," one way of achieving this goal to remember, "the importance of staying local, and to ask ourselves what can we do to support local businesses," member Shirley Harms said. Sam Rogal was the winner of the 2019 Alex Kurash Memorial Award, which goes each year to an exceptional Peewee Avalanche player at the year end Minor Hockey Banquet, with coach Conrad Pierce adding his congratulations on a successful year of hockey.

The Town of Elk Point would end up "close to break even" if they sold off their assets to pay off debt, auditor Jeff Aliston of Matrix Group told council, providing a clear overview of 2018 income and expenditures, with the town's spending "under budget in a lot of categories," but higher in tax arrears, totaling more than twice the 2017 amount, affecting the bottom line as did significantly higher spending on planning and development and protective services, buy the town's long-term debt dropped by roughly \$200,000, equity in tangible capital assets was up by close to \$400,000 and despite a challenging year, the audited financial statement reported a \$168,501 surplus for the year. Elk Point's Christian Community Church hosted the first-ever interfaith Easter Cantata, with St. Michael's Roman Catholic and other area churches joining in the service of praise to start off what MC Ruth Vogel said, "In the Christian faith, is the most important season of the year."

United Conservative Party candidate David Hanson was elected to the legislature to represent the Bonnyville-Cold Lake-St. Paul constituency, with 73 per cent majority of the total votes cast for the previous member for Lac-La-Biche-St. Paul-Two Hills, after the area was split into new ridings when the electoral boundaries were redrawn. Successful golden egg hunters Ella May, Stetson Reynolds, Rian Skarsen and Broden Ockerman were presented with stuffed animals and buckets of Easter treats by firefighters Jon Schmitt, Waylon May and Haleigh Votour at the Elk Point Firefighters Association's 10th Annual Pancake Breakfast and Easter Egg Hunt.

Heinsburg combined their Community Club's 60th Anniversary celebration, 60 years to the day since the charter was granted, with the final country music jamboree of the 2018-19 season, bringing in 31 performers who delighted the audience with everything from classic country to honkytonk piano to lively fiddle tunes that had them out on the dance floor from the first strains of "Will You Dance With This Old Cowboy," following the presentation of a commemorative plaque by County of St. Paul Division 1 Coun. Darrell Youngmans to founding members Colleen Sharkey and Laverne Wilson. Characters created by Theodor 'Dr. Seuss' Geisel were brought to life this weekend by the Elk Point Theatre Project in the first two of four performances of 'Seussical Jr.' at the Elk Point Arts and Leisure Centre. Favourite characters from the 1940 'Horton Hatches an Egg', to later Seuss heroes 'Yertle the Turtle', 'Horton Hears a Who', 'The Cat in the Hat' and 'The Grinch Who Stole Christmas,' even a cameo appearance by 'One Fish, Two Fish, Red Fish, Blue Fish' look-alikes from a generation later, romped across the stage in brilliant Technicolor in this tale of everyone's favourite elephant who, through countless trials and tribulations, is faithful, "One hundred per cent."

(To be continued next week)

Back-to-back wins for Bantams

Happy New Year to one and all. All the best in 2020. I hope that you can see clearly now after the big celebrations! Thanks for all the nice birthday wishes from all my friends and family and fans! My phone was dinging most of the day. And Merry Ukrainian Christmas going out to today to many of our friends. After today we usually shut off our Christmas lights at home. The Christmas tree seldom makes it this long at our house, it's been down since the day after New Years.

Not a lot of hockey action over the holidays although the A. G. Ross Arena was open almost every day for public skating and shinny. This is the best place to hone your skills shooting and stick handling. Too bad a few more kids don't get out there and use it.

Two of our teams did see action this past weekend. The Bantam Avalanche started the year off on the right foot, winning two games this past weekend.

Heading up north on the road Friday night, they won 6 to 0 in Plamondon. Shut out number four on the season for goaltender Vanden 'Super Mario' Moroziuk who shut the door on the Cougars. This team is really starting to gel and get offence from everyone on the team. Whether it be a goal, an assist or just plain forechecking and creating turnovers, a number of players have gained some confidence now half way through the season. Some of them just needed a bit of time to adjust to body contact. Seth 'Motorman' Morton is one of them who gets into the gritty areas. He scored the first goal of the game. He also assisted on the next two goals. Talented 'Mick Jager' Fontaine, of course dancing and dangling with the puck, scored a hat trick and added a helper. His deputy, side kick brother the hard nosed 'Kid Kade' getting into the corners routing out the puck with three assists. The cousins getting into the act, Josef 'Big Red' Theriault and Sam 'Spiderman' Rogal with one goal each. Defenseman Landon 'the Magnificent' Malachowski who doesn't like to take any guff from anyone on the opposition team and the seriously fast forechecking winger Wyatt 'Wild Man' Pavoll providing assists. Most of the team stayed in Lac La Biche for that night, saving gas money because they were facing the Clippers the next day.

On Saturday the Bantam won 8 to 2 over the

Clippers, 'Motorman' opening the scoring once again in this game. He scored another late in the third period as well as adding an assist. Grinder Dean 'the Machine' Ockerman with a goal and some heavy duty body checks. Cea Jay 'Quick Draw' Quinney pulling the trigger with a goal and an assist. 'Mick Jager' with three goals and two assists, his 'Kid' brother Kade with a goal. 'Big Red', the 'Wild Man', the 'Spiderman' and Ryan 'Ram Rod' Cameron all getting on the score sheet with assists.

The Atom Avalanche also played Saturday in Lac La Biche. A few of the parents have players on both teams so it worked out really well for them. The Atoms played really well, leading the game 1 to 0 until half way through the second period. The Clippers would tie the game half way through and add another to make it 2 to 1 after 40 minutes. The last Clipper goal scored with only two minutes left in the game, so the Avalanche were in it all the way. Braylee 'Free Willy' Lesyk scoring the only marker for the Avalanche unassisted.

A big happy birthday going out today to the steady stay at home Pee wee Avalanche defencewoman 'Hurricane Kayl' Warawa.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "Sometimes guys need to cry. Some hockey players think they're too tough to cry." - Brett Hull

Elks start new decade with a win

VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Elks scored their first goal of the 2020s just 57 seconds into their first game of the year on Friday in Two Hills, with Jaen-Guy Boisvert hitting the Longhorns net off assists by Myles Whitford and Scott Ward. Two Hills player Zak Lang, assisted by Alex Kitz, would take over half a period to even the score, and the Elks' Kam Ballas just over three minutes to put the

Elks back in the lead, assisted by Myles Quinney.

The second period saw the score seesaw again, Dillon Kalinski assisted by captain Jason Kalynchuk to answer Lang's second goal of the game, off assists by Kitz and Grayson Soprovich.

Adam Koopman of the Longhorns tied the score just over eight minutes into the third, assisted by Dylan Schultz and Calvin Lashowski, with Ward replying 31 seconds later, assisted by Whitford

and Boisvert, the Longhorns evening the score again with seven minutes left in the game, Wyatt Murphy assisted by Evan Warawa and Soprovich. Ward scored the tiebreaker for the Elks, once again with help from Boisvert and Whitford, two and a half minutes before the final buzzer.

This week, the Elks will host back-to-back home games, taking on Wainwright on Friday night and Maidstone on Saturday, both at 8 p.m. at the A. G. Ross Arena.



PLAYER OF THE GAME - Rylee 'the Rocket' Warawa was named the Player of the Game in the A final at a tournament in Prince Albert where her Lakeland Jaguars lost to a Saskatoon team after five minutes of overtime and a shootout.

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